

Black Cat Tales

Black cats have a reputation for bringing bad luck (in the medieval times they were associated with witchcraft) – but we disagree! These dark and wonderful moggies are often left out in the cold compared to their peers, so here are some black cat facts to set the record straight!

Black Cat Facts

1 The black cat isn't a breed. There are 22 breeds that recognise black coats. The Bombay, however, was developed to look like a black panther and is the one breed where solid black is the only colour.

2 Melanism (the opposite of albinism) is what causes the dark coat.

3 The amount of melanin is also what gives the black cat's eyes a golden colour.

4 Black coats are more common in male cats.

5 In bright sunlight, you might see faint markings of a tabby pattern on a cat's coat. This means the black cat has the dominant gene for solid black but the tabby pattern gene is not completely repressed.

